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COUNCILPERSON ELIZABETH HORTON SHEFF ANNOUNCES HER 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO "**KEEP THEM READING**". DONATED BOOKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT VARIOUS HARTFORD-BASED SITES AS LISTED ON THE ATTACHED, BEGINNING THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2004 AND ENDING FRIDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>.

HARTFORD— Dear Friends,

The ability to read is one of the most fundamental building blocks in the development of sound moral character. The ability to read is not only necessary to everyday life; it is also a tool to strengthen the imagination.

Reading opens one's mind to new possibilities; it nurtures creativity and increases one's contribution to the well being of us all. I remain gravely concerned that children attending Hartford public schools continue to struggle to master the art of reading. We must act together to help each child learn to read at his or her potential.



Toward this end, I announce the kick-off of the 2<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Keep Them Reading" Campaign.

Throughout the month of July, my office is poised to receive donations of new books or used books in excellent condition, to be distributed to Hartford school children entering K-12 grades. All books collected will be given to Hartford-based organizations located across the city.

If you are interested in donating to this very worthy cause, please contact Robin Hester, my Executive Assistant, at (860) 522.4888, ext. 6109 for further details.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this request, and bid you...

Continued strength!



This initiative is part of Hartford's 2004 Campaign on Civic Pride

# CITY OF HARTFORD "KEEP THEM READING" CAMPAIGN BOOK DONATION DROP-OFF SITES

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